Footsore and Weary, Pilgrims March in Testimony to Christ's Last Journey

Blessing of the cross before the start of the 73-mile march is performed by Monsignor A. G. Baker of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Nanaimo. Pilgrimage started late Thursday.

Exhausted pilgrims snatched sleep whenever they could during rest periods on the march. Here Gerry Holly, Don Kennedy and David Harris curled up in sleeping bags beside Ladysmith church.

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Swollen and blistered feet of marchers on the second day were eased by applications of fresh adhesive tape. Here Mrs. W. L. Maund Cote Carter shows the toll of hard roads on pilgrims.—(Colonist photos by Jim Ryan)

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Weary Cross-Bearing Pilgrims Due to Arrive in City Today

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zations carrying the cross in groups of three for 20-minute periods.

The cross was carried to Ladysmith, 15 miles to the south, and placed in the Catholic church on Thursday night while the pilgrims returned to Nanaimo because of lack of accommodation. The march resumed Friday morning after a short service.

MOSTLY TEEN-AGERS

The group of 30, mostly teen-agers, many from Victoria, who were planning to march all the way, arrived at Duncan in pouring rain on Friday night. They had been marching for hours in the heavy downpour.

Members of Catholic organizations at various communities along the route planned to join the pilgrimage, some continuing to Victoria and others leaving at the next stopping point.

The pilgrims attended a special service at Duncan to mark the half way point of the journey. When they set out again at dawn yesterday they were far behind schedule and too footsore and weary to have much chance of making up lost time.

The cross, made of squared cedar beams, nine feet and six feet long, will be carried into St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria today at the end of the pilgrimage.

TOUGHEST TEST

Last night, the pilgrims faced the toughest test of the march in the formidable barrier of the Malahat. With over half of the 25-mile journey from Duncan to Langford behind them, they camped in the early afternoon at the foot of the steep climb.

They spent three hours resting and praying, after eating a meal cooked over camp stoves by the roadside. At about 5 p.m. they shouldered the cross and began the taxing climb. Two hours later they downed their burden according to a prearranged plan while a party of pilgrims travelled ahead to take part in a special service at Langford.

LANGFORD CYO

They returned by 9 p.m. with members from the Langford CYO who planned to make the final stages of the pilgrimage.

At press time the marchers had not yet reached Langford where they plan to spend the night. The pilgrims will be up again at dawn to start the last leg of the long march.

FIRST OF KIND

Organized by Vancouver Island branches of the Catholic Youth Organization and the Newman Club, the pilgrimage is the first of its kind ever staged in Western Canada. The organizers hope to make it an annual event.

Ex-President Quits Debt-Ridden Board

NANAIMO—Another director resigned from Nanaimo's debt-ridden Vancouver Island Exhibition Board. This time, it was immediate past-president Norm Westman.

His resignation was received by the new board "with regret." Wes Calbrick resigned two weeks ago.

Council for Action

Chambers Unite On Gulf Islands

United action on common problems is promised for several Gulf Islands, following a meeting at which Galiano Chamber of Commerce acted as host to chambers from Salt Spring and Pender Islands.

Inter-island council is to be formed, composed of the president and two delegates from each chamber, together with one representative from each of the islands which have no chamber.

On the list of topics for consideration are transportation, bridges, roads, forest service and policing. Meetings will be held quarterly.

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Clerk Bluffs Ratepayers

Municipal clerk D. S. Wood of Central Saanich does not always refer ratepayers' applications to council, and sometimes bluffs them out of their proposals, he told a council meeting.

His statement came during consideration of the proposal of a Vancouver company to open up gravel pits in the municipality, action which the council deplores but is apparently unable to stop.

"I've turned down applications for the installation of trailer courts without bringing them to the council," the clerk said. "A certain number of prohibitions I've made were just bluff. I can bluff an individual, but not a corporation."

Ladd to Tell IWA's Side

The union story of the stormy battle between Newfoundland's Premier Smallwood and the International Woodworkers of America will be told here next Sunday.

H. Landon Ladd, Newfoundland IWA executive on a Canada-wide fund raising campaign for the striking IWA men, will speak at the Club Sirocco, 1037 View, at 8 p.m.

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Smallwood Says Diefenbaker Holds Grudge

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ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Premier Smallwood offered Saturday to resign political office if Prime Minister Diefenbaker would give Newfoundland a "fair deal."

The 59-year-old Liberal premier made the offer on the assumption that Mr. Diefenbaker's actions in connection with the current loggers' dispute and on the limitation of financial assistance for the province were prompted by a grudge against him.

The premier said if the conditions were met he would resign when the Newfoundland legislature resumes Tuesday.

At Prince Albert, Sask., Prime Minister Diefenbaker said he had no comment on Mr. Smallwood's statements.

"If Mr. Diefenbaker is acting towards us the way he is because of a grudge against me," Premier Smallwood said in an interview. "If he'll treat Newfoundland fairly and give us a fair deal, I'll resign Tuesday when the House reopens."

The premier added that he would not resign for anything less than such a promise, despite the fact he wants to retire from politics and return to writing.

"I had frankly hoped that on this 10th anniversary of confederation I would see our financial agreement with the federal government brought to a successful conclusion and the province secure so that I might make this a good time to drop out of politics."

"But," he added, "the loggers' strike and the handling of financial assistance from the federal government means that I am stuck.

"I certainly will stay and see it through."

NORTHERN MICE

Canada's far north has two types of lemmings, small rodents—the brown lemming and the collared, or grey, lemming.

12,000,000 Daffodils

Approximately 12,000,000 daffodils have been rushed to the flower-hungry eastern markets from the Victoria area by "every means possible," it was reported yesterday.

The two main southern Island daffodil growers, Geoffrey Vantreight, Jr., and William Mattick, each said they shipped about 6,000,000 blooms.

Alex Main, TCA traffic manager, said the airline carried about 4,000,000 flowers.

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Potlach Relics Coming Home At Summer Island Indian Fete

COURTENAY — Indian bands from Vancouver Island and the north coast of British Columbia will gather here this summer for the return of relics taken from the Puntledge tribe by the federal government 37 years ago when potlatches were banned.

Highlight of the ceremonies will be the opening of a $12,000 museum built to house the potlatch relics.

Before the ban, it was customary for the host to give each visitor to the feast a gift.

But although the host might beggar himself temporarily, he was assured of reimbursement when his guests, to save face, were obliged to return the gifts with interest at their own potlatches.

In the interests of the Indians, the federal government stepped in and seized all paraphernalia used in potlatches and transferred them to the National Museum at Ottawa, where they formed a notable display of Pacific Northwest Indian lore.

Now many of these artifacts are being returned to the Puntledge tribe on a "permanent loan" basis. But potlatches are still outlawed.

SET PRECEDENT

The first woman member of the British cabinet was Miss Margaret Bondfield, appointed minister of labor in 1929.

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